



# City of Austin

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**Date:** May 24, 2016

**To:** Mayor and Council Members

**From:** Betsy Spencer, Director

**Subject:** City of Austin's DRAFT Fiscal Year 2016-17 Action Plan

The purpose of this memorandum is to make you aware of the public comment period for the City of Austin's DRAFT Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Action Plan and Community Development Program and upcoming City Council public hearing on the draft plan.

The Action Plan serves as the City of Austin's application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for four federal formula grants. These include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). The Action Plan describes the community needs, resources, priorities, and proposed activities that these dollars will fund with regard to housing, community and economic development, and public services.

The City of Austin anticipates receiving approximately \$11.4 million to be spent in Fiscal Year 2016-2017 from HUD to address the needs of Austin's low to moderate-income families. Each year, the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office seeks the community's input to help drive investment decisions about these funds that can help address the community's needs related to housing and community development activities.

In accordance with the City of Austin's Citizen Participation Plan, two public hearings will be conducted during the comment period – one before the Community Development Commission (CDC) on June 14, 2016, and one before the Austin City Council on June 23, 2016. The public is invited to view the DRAFT Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Action Plan and Community Development Program online at <http://www.austintexas.gov/housingplan>. The document is also available for review at ten neighborhood locations.

The Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office will initiate a Request for Council Action (RCA) for City Council to take action to approve the final Fiscal Year 2016-17 Action Plan on August 4, 2016. The Action Plan, serving as the City's grant application for the four formula grants, is due to HUD no later than August 15, 2016, in order for the City of Austin to receive the funds.

The DRAFT Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Action Plan can be downloaded here: [http://austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/FY\\_2016-17\\_DRAFT\\_Action\\_Plan\\_for\\_Public\\_Comment-reduced\\_for\\_web.pdf](http://austintexas.gov/sites/default/files/files/FY_2016-17_DRAFT_Action_Plan_for_Public_Comment-reduced_for_web.pdf), and is available for

public comment between May 23, 2016, and June 24, 2016. This is an opportunity for the public to review and provide comments on the draft plan before it is finalized.

The DRAFT Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Action Plan was developed in parallel with the Austin Strategic Housing Plan, and was informed by the same rigorous public engagement process that drew over 300 Austinites to community events across the city, at least one in each City Council District, and yielded over 1,300 completed survey responses. The Austin Strategic Housing Plan will outline strategies to build and preserve affordable housing for a range of incomes throughout the city, as envisioned in the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan. A draft of the Austin Strategic Housing Plan is scheduled to be presented to the City Council Committee on Housing and Community Development on June 6, 2016.

For more information regarding the Action Plan, public hearings or other public input opportunities, please contact me at (512) 974-3182 or Erica Leak, Housing Planning & Policy Manager, at (512) 974-9375.

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